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8 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

FROM: Chief, CIA/PAD(NPIC)

SUBJECT: Survey Trip to Far East

1. Events of the past several months have indicated that a survey trip to the Far East area would be of utmost value to this office. The volume of requirements received from DDP/FE and DDP/DPD/ASB has been high and there is every indication it will continue. Many of these requirements originate with the field stations of these offices. In recent months several of the services have initiated photo collection programs in South Vietnam and Laos and some of the results of these programs have filtered into this office. In November of last year, DDP/FE made inquiries to this office regarding the feasibility of sending a photo interpreter to Saigon to provide that station with closer support. At the present time such an assignment is still under consideration. On 4 January 1962 Major George Keys USMC visited NPIC and conferred at some length with yourself and several members of this office. Major Keys has recently been attached to the Saigon station after three months duty as the CINCPAC reconnaissance representative. During the course of Major Keys' visit, he recounted many times the part aerial photos have played in the anti-guerrilla campaign in South Vietnam and the prospects for greater use. Unfortunately, at the present there appears to be little organized photo-intelligence effort in South Vietnam except for the Air Force PPC in Thailand. The only Agency contribution in this total effort is being made from this office.

2. The objectives of a survey trip by members of CIA/PAD(NPIC) are three-fold. Primarily, the trip would be keyed to the [redacted] stations in order to determine the extent of their utilization of photography and their requirements for photo interpretation support. Such determinations would be of service to DDP/FE here for future planning and most relevant to their inquiries on an assignment of a PAD interpreter to the field. The second objective could be to become more knowledgeable of the total photo reconnaissance effort in the Far East area in order to provide better support to Agency components. Thirdly, direct contact with the consumer would provide for better mutual understanding and coordination and result in refined requirements from DDP field stations and more useful support and products from PAD.

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3. Such a survey trip has been discussed with [redacted] EXO/FE/DDP and the objectives as outlined above are sound, in his opinion.

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His office would endorse such a trip.

4. Attached to this memorandum is a list of installations that would be included on an itinerary, as well as a location map. Duration of trip would be four to six weeks.

5. It is requested that two CIA/PAD(NPIC) persons be authorized to take a survey trip of the Far East area in quest of the objectives as outlined above.

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Attachments As Noted

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Attachment A

Installations to be Visited on Far East Survey Trip

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| 1. Honolulu: | [redacted] PACAF Hdqtrs., Hickham Field (USAF);
CINCPAC and FICPAC (USN); and USARPAC (USA). | 25X1 |
| 2. Tokyo: | [redacted] Yokota and Fuchu (USAF); and Camp Drake (USA). | 25X1 |
| 3. Taipei: | [redacted] Taiwan Defense Command, and CAF 6th RTS. | |
| 4. Saigon: | [redacted] Tan Son Nhut (USAF) , Chief, MAAG (USA). | 25X1 |
| 5. Bangkok: | [redacted] Takli-11; Don Muang (USAF). | 25X1 |
| 6. Malaya: | Kuala Lumpur [redacted] | 25X1 |
| 7. Manila: | [redacted] Clark Field (USAF). | 25X1 |
| 8. Hong Kong: | [redacted] | 25X1 |

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